



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker installs telecommunications conduit in the ceiling of the CVC Exhibition Hall. The lines will connect House and Senate Expansion space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/20/06 through 2/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone masons will continue to set base and wall stone in the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone masons will continue installing floor stone in the corridor south of the Great Hall and they will continue moving westward toward the CVC Exhibition Hall.
- Stone masons continue setting stone along the east side of the Great Hall, near the elevators on either side of the Hall. Workers have erected scaffolding in the Great Hall near the entrance to the Exhibition Hall and have begun framework for the vaulted ceiling in this zone.
- Inside the East Front, crews continue masonry block work along the face of the original Capitol to enclose utility lines and prepare the zone for stone installation, which is expected to begin next week. Other blockwork continues alongside the stairs at the south end of the East Front transition zone.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the exterior walls of the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete crews are working adjacent to the masons in this zone to prepare the area for the first of 85 new trees that will be planted this March.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space (HES, SES), crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.



Workers use jackhammers to demolish the mortar bed below the East Front center steps as part of an effort to re-waterproof the structure. The project, part of the Architect of the Capitol maintenance program, is especially critical now that the space immediately below the steps will serve as the primary transition zone between the Visitor Center and the Capitol building.

- Foundation work continues as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines are complete at Second Street and continue at First Street. Concrete placements have been completed and final installation of pre-cast sections at First and Second Streets will occur once all piping elements have been delivered inside the tunnel, expected by early this March.
- Street restoration activities, beginning with the placement of a 10-inch concrete slab over the tunnel will begin following the close-in work at Second Street, which is expected to begin in late February.
- Crews continue to weld pipes, and install ventilation ductwork and piping insulation on all of the utility lines.

Next Week – 2/27/06 – 3/03/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of base stone is expected to begin inside the East Front.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Foundation work will continue on the north side of the Congressional Auditorium for a stepped walkway and large planter boxes for Tulip Poplar trees.
- Installation and welding of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and backfilling activities will continue at First and Second Streets.